On April 3, 2008, a solemn and dignified book-launching ceremony was held at the Library of Congress of the United States; on occasion of the first release of a fact-recording book entitled H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, jointly published by the World Buddhism Publishing LLC and the World Dharma Voice, Inc. At the same time, the book was formally accepted into the collection of the Library of Congress of the United States. From then on, people came to know that the widely respected Master Wan Ko Yee, the one who has been recognized and corroborated through official written documents issued by top leaders, regent dharma kings, and great rinpoches of major Buddhist sects throughout the world; actually, is the third incarnation of Dorje Chang Buddha, the primordial Buddha. Ever since, people address the Buddha by the name Dorje Chang Buddha III. This is similar to the precedent regarding the name of Sakyamuni Buddha—before Sakyamuni Buddha attained Buddhahood, His name was Prince Siddhartha Gotama. Once Prince Siddhartha Gotama attained Buddhahood, He was thereafter addressed as "Namo Sakyamuni Buddha."

On December 12, 2012, in the Senate Resolution No. 614 of the United States Congress, the title "His Holiness" was officially used with the name Dorje Chang Buddha III; the Buddha was addressed as "H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III." Since then, the title H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III was definitively affirmed.

"Dorje Chang Buddha III" is a statutory name; used in all official documents issued by the United States Government; such as passport, identity card, and social security documents. The previous name "Wan Ko Yee" is no longer valid, with no legal-binding effect, and no longer recognized by governments. "Dorje Chang Buddha III" is the only name in use.

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"Majesty" Has Shocked the World

Some people say that Master Wan Ko Yee is an expert in Buddhism. Some say that he is a great painter or a great singer. There are those who say that he is a great medical expert or a great ethicist. There are also those who say that he is a scientist. On May 28th, Unique Art Collections International Co., Ltd. auctioned Master Wan Ko Yee's painting entitled "Majesty." An art collector purchased this painting by way of competitive bid for a price of NT\$64,950,000 (this equals U.S.\$2,125,327.) People all over the world were shocked to hear of this purchase price.

In the entire history of Chinese painting, no other painter was able to master the amount of artistic skills, the variety of different styles and the diversity of subject matter which Master Wan Ko Yee has mastered. Other painters could only exhibit two or three different artistic skills at the most. For example, Zhang, Da-Qian exhibited three different artistic skills: line painting, traditional painting and splash ink painting. However, Master Wan Ko Yee has completely mastered a few dozen different artistic skills. Master Wan Ko Yee can paint landscapes, people and other objects, animals, flowers, birds, fish and insects by using the meticulous brushwork style or by using the freehand brushword style. Whichever style he uses, his paintings are always elegant, grand, and full of life. One can get a glimpse of his artistic skills by looking through the huge book which contains a collection of his paintings.

In 1995, the Sichuan Daily News and the Chengdu Evening News each printed an advertisement on behalf of an auction house. This auction house wanted to buy the Master's paintings for a price of R.M.B. 1,700 yuan per square inch. Master Wan Ko Yee's skills have reached the highest level in the world when it comes to ink and wash paintings. Thus, in 1991, the World Poets and Culture Congress conferred upon him the title of "The world's only Distinguished International Master." This is the highest position possible and is on the same level of honor as a head of state.

Why is it that this one person Master Wan Ko Yee, has combined skills of several different experts? The main reason is that he is a Great Dharma King Master of Buddhism. He has truly mastered the Five Knowledges spoken if in Buddhism. All of his skills mentioned above cover only part of the Five Knowledges which he has mastered. Instead of trying to describe what type of the expert he is, it would be better simply to say that he surpasses the word "expert."

He is a precious treasure who is a benefit to humanity. He is a Dharma King Master who is a rare gem in this world.



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